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SUBJ: SOARES ON USE OF AZORES FACILITIES

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SUMMARY: AN IRANIAN NEWSERVICE REPORT OF A  
SOARES INTERVIEW IMPLIED THAT GOP MIGHT DENY USE OF  
AZORES FACILITIES TO USG FOR FUTURE MID-EAST RESUPPLY  
OPERATIONS. A SOARES AIDE SUBSEQUENTLY SAID THAT THE  
PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN MISQUOTED. END SUMMARY.

1. SOARES ON AZORES: IN AUGUST 29 INTERVIEW GIVEN  
TO TEHRAN'S "TELEPRESS" PRIME MINISTER SOARES SAID THAT  
CONVERSATIONS WITH THE USG WOULD BE INITIATED SHORTLY  
WITH A VIEW TOWARD OBTAINING BETTER TERMS FOR THE USE  
OF THE AZORES FACILITIES. REFERRING TO THE  
"REFUSAL" OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO PERMIT  
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THE USE OF BASES ON ITS TERRITORY FOR THE RESUPPLY OF

ISRAEL DURING THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, SOARES WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE "DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG WAS A LESSON AND A POLITICAL POSITION THAT IS BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED." AN AIDE TO SOARES SUBSEQUENTLY SAID THAT SOARES HAD BEEN MISQUOTED. HE SAID SOARES'S POSITION WAS THAT USE OF THE AZORES FACILITIES SHOULD BE STUDIED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WITH THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL INTEREST GOVERNING EACH DECISION.

2. COMMENT: SOARES'S COMMENTS ON THE AZORES, AS "CLARIFIED" BY HIS AIDE ACTUALLY REPRESENT A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO THE USE OF THE AZORES FACILITIES FOR POSSIBLE MID-EAST RESUPPLY OPERATIONS. FORMER PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES HAD FLATLY RULED OUT SUCH USE (REFTEL).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GIVEN SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT IN PORTUGAL AND SOARES'S EVIDENT DISPOSITION TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE, IT WOULD BE BEST THAT HE NOT BE PRESSED IN ANY WAY ON QUESTION OF US USE OF BASE. WE PLAN, THEREFORE, TO MAKE NO COMMENT ON SOARES'S STATEMENT AND SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT ADOPT SAME POSITION.  
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